**<u>Forest Land-Yavatmal</u>**
**Diversion of 0.068 ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line under Bharatnet / Mahanet project passing within RoW of existing road.**

# Government of Maharashtra

## Revenue and Forest Department

## Government Order No.: FLD-2022/C.R.64/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 27.04.2022

**<u>Reference:</u>**

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/ Yavatmal/ID-12974/2138/20-21, dt.18.01.2022.

**<u>Preamble:-</u>**

On behalf of Maharashtra IT Corporation Ltd, M/s. Sterlite Technologies Limited has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.08 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable under Bharatnet / Mahanet project, passing within RoW of existing road in Yavatmal District to the State Forest Department.

**<u>Order:-</u>**

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **'In-Principle'** approval to the diversion of 0.08 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable under Bharatnet / Mahanet project, passing within RoW of existing road at Temburdara beat in Pusad Forest Division.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

| Chainage | Range | Round | Beat | Compt. No. | Length (in Mtr) | Width (in Mtr) | Area (in ha.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1/800 to 3/800 | Mahagaon | Dharmoha | Temburdara | 423 | 2000 | 0.40 | 0.08 |
| **Total Forest Area (in ha.)** | | | | | | | **0.08** |

**2. <u>This 'In-Principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-</u>**

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.4 meter width with cable line under the PVC pipeline.
3) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

4) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
5) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
6) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
7) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
8) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
9) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value and Compensatory Afforestation, if required in future.
10) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
11) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
12) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under Right of Way suitably.
13) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
14) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
15) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
16) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
17) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
18) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
19) In case, the proposed area falls in the Right of Way of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
20) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pusad shall submit certificate for minimum demand, certificate regarding distance from nearest Protected Area, Site Inspection Report, certificate regarding archaeological importance of the land under diversion along with Stage-I compliance report.
21) Final approval shall be granted by the Government of Maharashtra.
22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.

23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
24) Compliance report of above conditions shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202204271455253119. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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